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On the 11th instant, at H.B.M.'s Consulate, Swatow, and afterwards at the Kakichon Church, by the Rev. H. L. Mackenzie, M.A., Canon, PERCY DAWSON, to PAULINE LOUISE, eldest daughter of Captain Focken of Double Island, Swatow.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1888.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER.

The thirty-third V. R. C. Regatta was commenced this afternoon under most unfavorable circumstances, a drizzling rain falling and the general surroundings being anything but agreeable. It cleared up, however, later on, and some good racing was witnessed.

We append results of to-day's sport, leaving over a full report until Saturday.

"JUNIOR SCULLS."—For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance, \$5. Distance, One Mile. Prize, "Tokers" Cup. Three Boats to start or no race. Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China or Japan.

Station No. 1—G. Bramwell, 12st. 10lb. *Scotia* 1
Station No. 2—M. Fredericks, 8st. 10lb. *Tumbo* 2
Station No. 3—C. R. Foot, 11st. 8lb. *Valley* 3
Bramwell, slightly favored by the inside station, drew clear away immediately the gun fired, and without ever being approached won very easily by a hundred yards from Fredericks, who defeated Brooker by two lengths for second honours after a capital struggle. Time 8 min. 52 seconds.

FOR HEAVY GIGS pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. The Boats to be approved by the Committee. Time allowed for Oars. Four Boats must start for two Prizes. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5.

Station No. 1—Royal Artillery's *Ubiq*, 6-Oars 1
Station No. 2—Royal Artillery's *Gunner*, 6-Oars 2
Station No. 1—Royal Engineer's *Cambridge*, 6-Oars 3

The three boats kept well together for half the journey when the *Ubiq*, on the outside, drew out with a slight lead, the other R.A. gig also greatly leaving the Engineers astern. Opposite the Government Coal Sheds the *Ubiq* had the race in hand and eventually won very cleverly by a length, the *Cambridge* finishing a fair third.

"AMERICAN CUP."—Presented by the American Community. For Four-Oars. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

Station No. 1—*Leek*—J. Little, 11st. 10lb. T. Dalby, 10st. 10lb. J. A. Fredericks, 10st. 10lb. A. Duer, 10st. 10lb. (stroke); G. A. White, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 2—*Shamrock*—G. J. Duncan, 10st. 10lb. G. H. Potts, 11st. 11lb. W. Powell, 12st. 10lb. F. B. Shepherd, 10st. 10lb. (stroke); M. Fredericks, 8st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 3—*Rose*—J. M. G. Manuk, 10st. 10lb. A. H. Ough, 10st. 10lb. P. R. Simmonds, 12st. 10lb. F. H. Shepherd, 10st. 10lb. (stroke); W. Stopani, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 1—*Kornblume*—W. D. Blackwood, 11st. 10lb. T. Dalby, 11st. 10lb. J. L. Legge, 11st. 10lb. T. J. Tighe, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

Duer's crew were most fancied, but the event was considered very open. To a capital start the *Leek* got best away and quickly showed in front, closely followed by the *Rose*, the favorites third, and *Kornblume* outpaced after the first

dozen strokes. For the first quarter of a mile it was a ding-dong race between the *Shamrock* and *Rose*, and then the *Leek* gradually commenced to creep up—after narrowly escaping being upset owing to bow catching a crab—and at the half distance had got on terms with the leaders. Slowly but surely Duer drew to the front, and although the two Shepherds spurred again and again it proved of no avail, and the *Leek* was landed a handsome winner by five lengths from *Shamrock*, the *Rose* pulling up about a hundred yards from the winning post.

FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS.—Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar.

Imperial galley, 8 oars..... 1
Distance galley, 8 oars..... 2
Victor Emanuel's galley, 8 oars..... 3

There were six starters and after a tremendous struggle for the final half mile, H.M.S. *Imperieuse's* white galley drew away in the last three hundred yards and won by 20 seconds. A grand finish between the *Imperieuse* green galley and the Commodore's galley, pulled by Chinese, ended in favor of the Britishers by a few inches in the very last stroke.

"LADIES' PURSE."—Presented by the Ladies of Hongkong. For Four-Oars. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

Station No. 3—*Victoria*—E. Blair, 10st. 10lb. W. Taylor, 10st. 10lb. A. G. Stephen, 10st. 10lb. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, 12st. 10lb. (stroke); W. Stopani, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 4—*Shamrock*—L. D. Crichton, 10st. 10lb. F. S. Field, 11st. 11lb. R. B. Garde, 11st. 10lb. T. D. Hickley, 11st. 11lb. (stroke); W. Howard, 9st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 1—*Kornblume*—F. H. Shepherd, 9st. 10lb. G. H. Potts, 11st. 11lb. A. Denison, 11st. 12lb. H. F. Hayllar, 11st. 12lb. (stroke); E. Cole, 8st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 2—*Leek*—E. B. Shepherd, 10st. 10lb. G. Bramwell, 12st. 10lb. H. C. Metcalfe, 12st. 10lb. Major Ellis, 12st. 10lb. (stroke); J. Tighe, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

This was considered a certainty for the English International crew, offers to bet 3 to 1 on them against the field failing to meet with any response. The four boats were dispatched on equal terms, but Ellis quickly assumed the lead from the Scotch crew, the other pair, close together, keeping well within him. Before going three hundred yards, Lockhart's crew, pulling in capital form, passed the favorites, and soon were a length in front, Hickley about the same time spitting and getting on terms with Ellis. A long way from the winning post the English International representatives were clean out of the race, and although both Hickley and Hayllar hunted the Scotchmen home the issue was never really in doubt, the St. Andrew's crew getting the winning gun about two lengths in front of the Naval men, with Hayllar a very good third. Time 8 min. 25 sec.

MAN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS.—Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$20; Second Prize, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

H.M.S. *Imperieuse's* *Victoria*, cutter 1. Oars 1
H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel's* cutter 13-Oars..... 2
H.M.S. *Leander's* cutter 12-Oars..... 3

The flagship's big cutter won a good race by three lengths, a quarter of a length separating the second and third.

"THE ST. PATRICK CUP" for Hong Pairs.—Presented by J. J. Francis, Esq., Q.C. Crews to consist of Members of a G.C. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5.

Station No. 3—*Ellen*—A. Duer, 10st. 8lbs. G. H. Potts, 11st. 11lb. (stroke); M. Fredericks, 8st. 2lb. (cox).

Station No. 1—*Kathleen*—F. H. Shepherd, 9st. 8lbs. T. W. Lammer, 11st. 2lb. (stroke); E. Cole, 8st. 5lb. (cox).

Station No. 2—*Lily*—E. Travers, 10st. 10lb. A. G. Stephen, 10st. 10lb. (stroke); W. Stopani, 6st. 6lb. (cox).

This proved a grand struggle between the "Kee-chong" and "Tai-koo" boats, the "Ewo" being outpaced from the start. Lammer, doing all he knew, led Potts by about a length and a half for the first half mile, when he commenced to tire and gradually came back. At the Government breakwater the two boats were strictly level, but from this point Potts slowly obtained the advantage and two hundred yards from the flag-ship a clear length separated the pair. Some very erratic steering then took place, Fredericks shaping a course towards the Judge whilst Cole went right over to the Kowloon shore. Eventually Potts was declared the winner by three feet, and no sooner had he passed the post than his boat capsized, both himself and partner being dead beat. The cold bath quickly brought them round.

"CHAIRMAN'S CUP."—Presented by Major Tripp, Chairman of the Victoria Recreation Club. For Four-Oars. Distance, One-mile-and-a-half. Entrance, \$10.

Station No. 3—*Victoria*—A. G. Stephen, 10st. 10lb. A. Duer, 10st. 8lb. P. R. Simmonds, 12st. 10lb. E. B. Shepherd, 10st. 10lb. (stroke); M. Fredericks, 8st. 2lb. (cox).

Station No. 2—*Leek*—G. L. Duncan, 10st. 6lbs. J. S. Legge, 11st. 10lb. J. Little, 11st. 10lb. Major Ellis, 12st. 10lb. (stroke); J. Tighe, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 1—*Shamrock*—E. Blair, 10st. 9lbs. J. A. Fredericks, 10st. 5lb. T. Dalby, 11st. 2lb. G. Bramwell, 12st. 10lb. (stroke); G. A. White, 6st. 2lb. (cox).

Ellis led for a mile, when the other two boats closed up, but Bramwell's crew suddenly collapsing, the Major and E. B. Shepherd to make a capital race home, the latter winning by a clear length.

"GERMAN CUP."—Presented by the German Community. For Four-Oars. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.

Station No. 1—*Rose*—W. Taylor, 10st. 10lb. G. L. Duncan, 10st. 6lb. T. Dalby, 11st. 2lb. Major Ellis, 12st. 10lb. (stroke); J. Tighe, 6st. 10lb. (cox).

Station No. 4—*Shamrock*—R. M. Jameson, 11st. 10lb. J. A. Fredericks, 10st. 5lb. T. W. Lammer, 11st. 2lb. E. B. Shepherd, 10st. 10lb. (stroke); M. Fredericks, 8st. 2lb. (cox).

Station No. 2—*Victoria*—W. D. Blackwood, 9st. 8lb. J. Little, 11st. 10lb. A. Duer, 10st. 8lb. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, 12st. 10lb. (stroke); W. Stopani, 6st. 6lb. (cox).

Station No. 3—*Kornblume*—J. M. G. Manuk, 10st. 10lb. W. Watt, 11st. 11lb. H. C. Metcalfe, 12st. 10lb. A. Denison, 11st. 2lb. (stroke); G. A. White, 6st. 2lb. (cox).

Station No. 5—*Leek*—J. S. Legge, 11st. 10lb. A. H. Ough, 10st. 11lb. G. H. Potts, 11st. 11lb. F. H. Shepherd, 9st. 8lb. (stroke); E. Cole, 8st. 5lb. (cox).

E. B. Shepherd led for three parts of the way, with Lockhart second and Ellis apparently beaten off. Nearing the Coal Sheds, however, the veteran stroke spurted, and rapidly overhauling the leaders, went to the front opposite the flag-ship and won cleverly from the *Shamrock* by rather over a length, Lockhart finishing a good third.

The sailing races had not finished when our report left.

TELEGRAMS.

(From Straits Times.)

PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, November 29th.
A Conservative has been returned for Finsbury, Holborne, in place of Colonel Duncan deceased.

LORD SALISBURY AT EDINBURGH.

Lord Salisbury speaking at Edinburgh appealed to Scotch voters not to support Home Rule, that if they abstained he was convinced the dissolution of the Separatist party would result.

GERMANY.

November 30th.
The Emperor is confined indoors with a cold.

RUSSIA.

An Imperial Ukase sanctions a four per cent. loan of 125 millions gold roubles to convert the 1887 loan.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Wanderer* arrived at Singapore on the morning of the 5th inst., and will be stationed there for some time.

A REGULAR meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zealand Street, this evening, at 8 for 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

The *Nagasaki Express* says that the Norwegian steamer *Norden*, under charter to the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, will, after making one more trip to Hongkong, load rice on charterer's account for Europe.

SAYS the *Straits Times*:—All hope of the safety of the steamer *Vallarta* has been abandoned. She is supposed to have foundered in the cyclone last month between Bombay and Karachi. Some thirteen hundred persons, including 150 children, must have perished.

A splendid class programme was gone through in first class at Charing's Circus last night. Owing to the wet weather the audience was smaller than usual, but what they lacked in numbers was made up for by the enthusiastic reception given to all the performers. We hold over a detailed notice. The performance this evening commenced at 9 o'clock.

ABOUT three o'clock this morning a large market boat anchored off the Prava began to fill, the water being rough. There were seventeen people on board, and the boat was also filled with produce. The buckets used for baling washed away, and altogether it was a miniature shipwreck. Four men jumped overboard to swim ashore, but P. C.'s Hanson and Graham picked them up in the Police launch, lent them balers, and enabled them to clear the junk of water. The Chinamen for once seemed really grateful.

The idea of "thumb-rings," to which we alluded some little time ago, has become an established fact, and jewellers are showing broadbands of dull gold with a large jewel sunk deep into them, designed to encircle that clumsy member, the thumb. The facts have been traced that Queen Elizabeth decorated her royal thumb with a ring, and the fashion was revived during the reign of George II. Eccentricity is the key-note to jewelled ornaments, and the dainty woman who cannot bring her nerves into sufficient subjection to permit her wearing live, spider-like bugs as ornaments consoles herself with very realistic imitations.

At a regular meeting of the Corinthian Lodge No. 1866, held at Amoy on Saturday the 8th inst. Bro. W. C. Lewis was duly installed as Wor. Master for the year 1889, and invested the following officers:—

Wor. Bro. A. J. Hadley.....I.P.M.
" B. N. Jenkins.....S.W.
" J. E. Barker.....J.W.
" W. J. Hewett.....Treasurer.
" F. H. Edward.....Secretary.
" F. G. Becke.....S.D.
" Mr. M. Davis.....I.D.
" S. Rosenbaum.....Steward.
" W. Wilson.....G.
" A. V. Haver.....G.
" N. J. Wood.....Tyler.

SPEAKING of the question which is just now being so eagerly discussed in many circles, the *Truth Standard* says: Ask the Jewish housewife, the Jewish mother, whether marriage is a failure? She will not understand you. She will stand bewildered in the face of such a question, and if you explain to her what you mean she will tell you that a Jewish mother sees in marriage the acme of happiness, because of womanly duty; that all these new-fangled notions are simply the outcome of the brain of some man or woman who missed the true mark of life, and whose life is a failure. She will point to her children, as Cornelia of old did. She will extol her husband as the ideal of her life.

THE *Courier d'Haiphong* of the 2nd inst. gives the following quantities of rice as exported from Haiphong during the five months of the latter half of this year. In July, 514,922 kilograms, of the value of \$17,462; in August, 498,352 kil., \$17,255; in September, 572,657 kil., \$16,685; in October, 657,803 kil., \$16,595; in November, 4,341,501 kil., \$103,402. Total, 6,585,405 kil., \$159,399 40. The following quantities were exported to Annam:—July, 505,254 kil., \$17,063; August, 970,112 kil., \$33,980; September, 1,397,100 kil., \$35,870; October, 16,800 kil., \$395; November, 35,250 kil., \$1,426. Total, 2,921,516 kil., \$78,734. The total export of rice for foreign ports and for Annam was 9,509,921 kilos, of the aggregate value of \$28,133. During the first half-year, it was 312,217 kilos, valued at \$7,216; showing an increase for the second half, of 9,221,338 kilos, valued at \$245,349. A kilogram being equal to 2 1/4 lbs. av., the total export during the first half-year and the five months of the remaining half would be about 9,340 tons.

A SYNDICATE is being formed in London at present for the purpose of experimenting in bee-growing in Ireland, with a view to the eventual establishment there of an extensive sugar industry. Experts in the manufacture of bee-sugar are very sanguine of the success of the scheme.

THE American Musical Comedy and Opera Company appear at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening in "Trial by Jury." "The Waterman," and the first act of Ruddigore. The entertainment, which should ensure a crowded house, is for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Fisher (Miss Flo. Morrison).

It has been ascertained, says the *Egyptian Gazette* of November 2nd, that the mainshaft of the P. and O. steamship *Malwa* is fractured, and she will probably not be able to leave Alexandria for about three weeks, by which time it is hoped that the new shaft, now en route from home, will have arrived and been placed in position.

THE *Straits Times* reports that the Cashier of the Tramway Co., by name Lim Pek Lok, has been missing since the evening of the 29th ult., and he is said to have had in his possession a sum of \$1,000 belonging to the Company. Mr. Wallace the Manager gave information to Detective Inspector Richards on the 30th, when the missing man did not appear, and a detective was instructed to make enquiries and telegraph to Malacca. The Manager took out a warrant for the Cashier's arrest.

THE Portuguese Consul-General at Shanghai has of late been airing his idiosyncrasies in the *Progresso*, a Portuguese newspaper published in the Model Settlement. The bone of contention appears to have been a letter from a member of the Lusitanian community containing some strictures on the Consul, and referring to the peculiar style in which that magnate received his compatriots on the anniversary of the birthday of King Don Luiz. It was alleged that Senhor Valdez received their congratulations reclining on a sofa, and in 'true kingly fashion. The Consul on hearing his doings criticised, rushed into print, and narrowly escaped making himself ridiculous.

THE Manager of the Hongkong and China Gas Company Limited, informs us that he has received a telegram from the London Office authorizing him to proceed with the laying of a main for the purpose of carrying gas to the Peak district. About fourteen houses, in course of erection are already being fitted up with gas pipes, and it is anticipated that all the other houses will shortly obtain similar fittings. Owing probably to the fact that a lightning rod on present assessment would not cover the cost, the Government do not propose at present to light the Peak district. We are told that the capital outlay will be large for about two and a half miles of main, but that the Gas Company have good reasons to anticipate a thicker population at the Peak in the near future.

At the Penny Gaff (Rome).—A cruel tyrant tries to compel an unhappy woman to assist him in his villainies, by taking her children away from her, and in her trouble she falls on her knees before the pitiless monster. Several voices are raised in protest among the audience. One more noisy than the rest: "By San Martino, my patron saint, stop that now; let the woman keep her children!" Actor (going on with his part): "Woman, begone—for the last time!" Man in the Pit (throwing an apricot at his head): "Stop that, I say, or I'll come and talk to you, see if I don't!" Actor: "But, Signore." Pitite: "Let her keep the children and be off, you wretch!" Actor: "But consider, it is in the part!" Pitite: "Hang the part; I'll break your bones!" Several voices: "Hear, hear—give it him hot!" Other voices: "No, no; let the play go on!" Actor: "Allow me to say that if I don't carry off her children, as it is put down in the piece, the performance will have to end here, and the poor lady will remain in the miserable position in which you now behold her... now, if you will let me take her children, she will not only recover them soon, but at the same time gain a splendid triumph over all her persecutors at the close of the play." Man in the Pit: "Do you vow on your sacred word of honour that she will get her children back—and that soon?" Actor: "Within half an hour." Man in the Pit: "All right, then go on playing!"

CAPTAIN C. V. LLOYD, of the China Navigation Company's steamer *Ichang*, writes as follows:—A somewhat out-of-the-way incident occurring in the course of the usually uneventful day trip up the Canton river may, I think, be of sufficient interest for your paper. On the afternoon of the 11th inst. in the neighbourhood of the Second Bar, below Whampoa, a tiger was passed by the steamer *Ichang* swimming across the river; he was heading for the southern bank, and had already done nearly half the distance (about a mile and a half) when passed. The tiger was evidently of very large size, judging by his head and what we could see of him above water, and plainly he did not regard us with friendly feelings as when we went by him he paused and turned his head with a snarl and a short deep roar, showing a wonderful pair of fangs, straight as daggers, white and gleaming, seemingly not less than three inches long. Not expecting that kind of "shikar" just then we were not "loaded for tiger" and missed the opportunity of inaugurating a new mode of tiger-hunting—on a steamboat instead of an elephant. We could have run him down and drowned him, but it seemed like taking a mean advantage of the brute. His fate, however, was not far behind, for several boats were pulling after him and shortly after we passed they came up with him and opened fire; some dozen shots had been fired while we were looking but when last seen he was still swimming in the midst of a group of four or five boats. There could be little doubt, however, of his fate. I presume that he had been chased for a long time, as his pursuers were prepared with fire arms and had evidently forced him to take to the water.

THE Austrian corvette *Fasana*, with Archduke Leopold of Austria on board, arrived at Singapore on the 5th inst. en route for Point de Galle.

AS will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the exhibition of the Camera and Sketching Clubs, announced to be held on the 18th inst. and following days, has unavoidably been postponed until further notice.

BIRDS and other animals, when collected in numbers together, have curious technical names applied to them. It is right to say:

A covey of partridges.	A flock of geese.
A nide of pheasants.	A cast of hawks.
A wisp of snipe.	A trip of dotterell.
A bevy of quails.	A herd of swine.
A flight of doves or swallows.	A skulk of foxes.
A muster of peacocks.	A pack of wolves.
A slep of herons.	A drove of oxen.
A building of rooks.	A sounder of hogs.
A brood of grouse.	A troop of monkeys.
A plump of wild fowl.	A pride of lions.
A stand of plovers.	A sleuth of bears.
A watch of nightingales.	A swarm of bees.
A clattering of choughs.	

THE Statutory meeting of Messrs. Cruikbank and Company, Limited, took place this afternoon at the Hongkong Hotel. There were present, amongst others, Messrs. D. McCulloch, C. Grant, and Murray Bain; Mr. Rodyk, (from the office of Mr. J. F. Webber), Solicitor to the Company, attended. The chair was taken by Mr. Cruikbank, and some delay took place owing to the fact that a copy of the daily papers containing the Notice of the meeting was not at hand. This was soon supplied, however, and the Chairman read the notice convening the meeting. He then stated that the meeting was only a formal one, held in accordance with the Act of Parliament, and that there was no business of a special kind to put before the members present. The Company was progressing very favourably and entirely to his satisfaction. He would be pleased to answer any questions the shareholders might wish to put. There being no questions, the meeting terminated.

We call the following Tonquin news from Haiphong and Hanoi papers:—Pham-khac-thu, a rebel chief in the district of Nam-dinh, who had been sentenced to death for contumacy and for attempting to raise a rebellion, was captured and executed. A column operating in the province of Bac-ninh, has, by instructions received from the civil authorities, captured the rebel chief Quandel, who had directed the attack against the station of the Rapides. A band of rebels having fortified themselves in the village of Day-vi, province of Bac-ninh, Lieut. Monguyot besieged them, and after receiving reinforcements, succeeded in dispersing them. On entering the village, eight corpses were found, one of which was richly dressed and placed on a stretcher. The officer in command was slightly wounded during the action. The telegraph people who were constructing the Mon-kay line have been attacked by Chinese. An audacious theft was committed at Hanoi a fortnight ago, several water pipes having been carried away from Paul Bert Street during the night. Two natives who were trying to penetrate into the citadel, were apprehended as spies. Lieut-Col. Servieres, has set fire to an immense village in the province of Hai-tuong, a place notorious for the number of rebels and pirates it sheltered. Ten natives who were engaged in preparing a trap for the French forces, were summarily shot. A column under the command of Capt. Barre has been operating against the pirates of the river Claire; after dislodging numerous bands of Chinese and Thos who infested the locality the column returned to Son-tay. No sooner were they gone than the pirates re-occupied their former positions and fortified them. A new column was sent against them, but it met with such a resistance that it had to send for reinforcements and artillery. The gunboats *Babilot* and *Raynaud* conveyed these reinforcements to the spot, a serious engagement with the enemy followed, particulars of which had not reached our Hanoi contemporary before going to press. In the province of Hanoi four hundred rebels were seen crossing the river on the 25th ult.; a column under Lieut. Lebrun went in pursuit of them. When they retraced their steps towards Bay-say, the station which is named The Elephants was taken possession of by the pirates who carried away ten Gras rifles. It was subsequently retaken by the French troops.

CAPTURE OF COUNTERFEIT COINERS IN HONGKONG.

At the Police Court this morning before Mr. Wodehouse, Cheung To, soldier, Cheung Kang, shoof, Ho Fung, coolie, and Su Q. Sun, farmer, were charged with having in their possession 23 counterfeit dollars, the same with intent to deceive.

Inspector Mackie stated that at six o'clock last night he went to 32 First Street, with a warrant, and entered a room on the first floor. He found the prisoners sitting down with a box near them. He examined the box, which contained fourteen dollars. On the first prisoner he found some bad dollars and \$9.40 in good money. Under the bed were fourteen chops, and in a bag on which the second prisoner was sitting was some rice and cash. On the window sill was some alum, which was used for cleaning dollars. In the box were six handkerchiefs, 139 cents, and 300 cash. In the cook-house were some shallow pots containing a solution of alum. With the chops were a hammer and anvil. The other men had bad money on them.

The third prisoner stated that he was a shopman at a boarding house in Canton, and had come down to collect some accounts, got the bad money from another man, and happened to be in the house when the police came.

The fourth prisoner said he was on a visit to the first prisoner when arrested. Lo Sing Lan, shoof at the magistracy, said:—I have examined the dollars produced; they all purport to be Mexican, except two, which resemble Carolus dollars, and an imitation yen. They have all been chop ed several times, which makes them look as though they had been tested. The rice and cash found in the bag are used for making bad dollars white, the coins are put in the bag and shaken about. The alum is used for the same purpose, being burnt

set on foot by her Excellency the Marchioness of Duffrin and Ava, and that with this view the following objects be determined upon, namely the construction of an additional female ward in the Midford Hospital, to be called the Lady Duffrin Ward; the maintenance of a lady doctor, and the foundation of a scholarship for female medical students. The resolution was carried unanimously. With this object, the Nawab Asanullah is giving Rs. 50,000 and Raja Rajendra Narain Roy of Jyodhpore, Rs. 10,000, while the Maharaja of Sausang and others promise various amounts.

GNATONG, November 25th.
At last we have received definite news of the movements of the Chinese Amban. A party of Chinese messengers from Gyantse arrived in camp to-day. They convey missives addressed to our Political Officer, and state that the Amban left Lhasa on the 10th of November, and is advancing by the usual stages. He is therefore expected to arrive in Chumbi on one of the first days of December.

PADONG, November 26th.
Brigadier-General Graham left this morning for Darjiling to confer with Mr. Durand, the Secretary of the Foreign Office, but is expected back shortly.

Information has arrived that the Chinese Amban left Lhasa on the 15th instant. The grand Pioneers, who have been at the front from the commencement of the campaign, will, it is believed, be withdrawn. Eighty of the regiment arrived to-day from the posts on the lines of communication, their places being taken by the 2nd and 3rd Gurkhas.

The men of the detachment of the Derbyshire Regiment have all been supplied with post-boxes, and expect to proceed to Gnatong early next month. It is rumoured that they will be relieved there in a few weeks by four or five hundred men of the Connaught Rangers.

LONDON, November 26th.
The late Assistant Commissioner, Mr. James Monro, has been appointed Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, in the place of Sir Charles Warren, resigned.

SUAKIM, November 27th.
Orders have been issued for a British regiment returning from India to stop at Suakim to assist in repelling the dervishes. The name of the regiment has not yet transpired.

SUICIDE OF A SHANGHAI CAPTAIN.

A sad occurrence took place at the Central Hotel during last night (December 12th). For many years past, Captain William Webb Bowen, who was formerly in command of steamers belonging to the China Navigation Company, has been a well-known figure in Shanghai, and his peculiarities have caused him to be a great deal talked about. Latterly he has lived at the Central Hotel, following no occupation, having a good competency, so that it was unnecessary for him to follow any employment. His eccentricities were chiefly in respect to his marvellous luck in lotteries and speculations, which existed only apparently, in his own mistaken imagination, and the impression has prevailed for a long time that the weakness of his mind rendered him irresponsible for many of his actions. Still, however, he was remarkably acute in the management of his monetary affairs. During the past month, we hear, he has been more than usually strange in regard to his large winnings, labouring under the hallucination that he had become possessed of nine million taels, but there was no difference in his spirits, or mode of life, except that he complained of sleeplessness, and to remedy this he took no dinner for the last few evenings and has been full of congratulations on his improved rest. Yesterday he took a long walk in the afternoon, and in the evening he was in the reading room at the hotel, and conversed rationally with different persons. He expressed the intention of riding in the Paper Hunt this afternoon, stating that he had his boots and cap all ready, and he felt certain that he would be among the winners. He retired to his bedroom quite early. He was an early riser, and shortly about seven o'clock this morning his boy went to his room for the purpose of telling him that his bath was ready, when he found the door locked from within, with the key in the keyhole. This had never occurred before, the door always being left unlocked. The boy at once went to Mr. Reilly, the proprietor of the hotel, that the room was locked, and Mr. Reilly at once dressed himself and went round to Dr. Reid, who returned with him, and at the hotel he met Dr. Jamieson who was there visiting some of his patients. Carpenters were obtained from Messrs. Hall and Holtz store, and the room door, with great difficulty, was opened and a ghastly sight presented itself. Captain Bowen, was on the floor, undressed, in a kneeling position, with his head bending forward on a chair. His throat was cut and there was also a deep gash down to the bone on the left wrist, and the blood was lying near. Life was extinct, but the body not cold. Dr. Jamieson and Dr. Reid took notes of the state of affairs; the Coroner was communicated with; and later in the day an inquest was held, a report of which appears below. News of the sad occurrence rapidly spread; the eccentricities of the deceased were despatched upon, and the opinion generally expressed that his end was only what was expected. Insanity, unquestionably, led to the infliction of the injuries from which deceased died. He had no monetary reverses or troubles of any kind, and his settled income was sufficient for all his reasonable requirements and rational enjoyment. Deceased has been in the East not far short of twenty years. About 1870 he was second officer of the steamer *Nansing*. This was some time before she was sold and converted into a yacht for the Mikado of Japan; and in 1873, when the Union Company's steamers were transferred to the China Navigation Company, he was second officer of the afterwards-wrecked steamer *Glengyle*. He was in command of the China Navigation Company's steamers from about 1877 to 1882, and was in charge of the *Shanghai* when she towed off the blue-funnel steamer *Achilles*, loaded with tea, in the Yangtze, on the occasion which led to so much litigation before the High Courts in London. Subsequently he commanded the *Tunjin*, when she was on the Shanghai-Ningpo route. About 1882 his ship failed him, £5,000 was left him by a relative in Wales, and he ceased active employment, going to England, afterwards to the Australian Colonies, and latterly he has lived on his means in Shanghai. It is worthy of note that a few weeks ago he contributed £100 for the assistance of a distressed widow and family.

THE INQUEST.
The inquest was held at three o'clock this afternoon. Messrs. H. J. Limby, A. S. T. Clifton, and W. H. Poate, were summoned as jurors, and they viewed the body as it had been left by the doctors in the morning, Mr. J. C. Hall, Acting Deputy Chief Justice, acting as coroner, who empanelled the jury as they stood in the room where the deceased lay.

Mr. Duncan James Reid, M.D., was the first witness called. He said: "I was called this morning about a quarter past eight to go to the Central Hotel. I got there about twenty minutes

past eight. The door of the deceased's room was locked. One of the panels of the door was smashed in, and then it was opened. We found deceased in a kneeling position with his head resting on a chair. His clothing and body were smeared with blood, and the bed was simply soaked with blood. I took and laid him on the floor and examined him. He was dead, but the body was warm and the limbs quite supple and viable. Rigidity had not set in. I found two long and quite superficial scars running parallel to each other on the left side of the throat. The front of the left wrist had been cut open transversely with great violence, severing the veins, arteries and blood vessels, and cutting down into the bone. A sharp instrument must have been used. There were no other marks of violence. Deceased had only his pajama jacket on. On examining the bed, which was soaked with blood from the pillows to two-thirds of its length, and the blanket and pillows which were also stained with blood, we found a razor under the pillow. It was smeared with blood, which was still wet. It was the razor produced. Then the even marks of blood in other parts of the room, just as if he had walked about after cutting himself. Some of the drawers were open, and bottles and other things disturbed as if he had been searching for something. There were two bottles on the side board, one a draft, and the other a liniment marked poison. This one contained a few drops of camphor, and the cork of it was out. It was marked poison. These are the main facts.

By the jury—I cannot say whether he had drunk the liniment. The cork of the bottle was out, but I do not know whether there had been anything in the bottle for him to drink. The impression was that he had drunk what was in the bottle. The wound on the wrist was the cause of death, from his having lost so large a quantity of blood. The ultimate cause of death, I believe, was syncope, caused by his getting out of bed and walking about the room after the excessive hemorrhage from the wound. There is no evidence as to whether he tried to cut his throat first.

Mr. Limby said that probably he tried to cut his throat and feeling the pain he stopped and then went for his wrist. Many men had tried to cut their throats and failed.

By the jury—There was not much blood on the floor. It was nearly all on the bed, where we found a pocket handkerchief simply soaked with blood, just as if he had tried to staunch the flow of blood from his wrist. I was not his medical adviser. I did not know him at all.

By the Coroner—The liniment bottle, I have ascertained from Messrs. Llewellyn & Co., had contained an ounce of laudanum. If he had drunk all this—but the bottle was dusty and he had had it some time and no doubt had used some of it—I do not think he would have died as quickly as he did. Partaking of the contents of the bottle would not induce a suicidal mania. A man who cuts himself as in this case, I should say was suffering from insanity, certainly temporary insanity.

William Brinn, assistant at the Central Hotel, deposed—I saw deceased between seven and eight o'clock last night. He spoke to me. He was sitting in the billiard-room smoking a cigar. I asked him if he was going to the Paper Hunt. He said yes, that he was going to ride. Captain Bowen's pony, and he thought he would win. I did not see him again till I saw his body at three o'clock to-day. He has stayed at the hotel since October 1887. He was at the hotel before he came to Shanghai. I have often noticed that he acted strangely and asked curious questions. When I saw him last night he appeared the same as he usually did. I do not know of any trouble he has had that would cause him to commit suicide.

Mr. Fitz Edmund Reilly, proprietor of the Central Hotel, said—At a quarter past seven o'clock this morning I was called by Captain Bowen's boy, who told me he could not open his room door, and he feared something was wrong. I dressed and went up to the room with the boy, and tried to open the door, but could not. I called out to deceased, and he could not open the door. I went to the door, and he was either dead or dying, and I went for Dr. Reid, and he returned with me. With the assistance of two carpenters we burst the door open. Dr. Jamieson was also there. We found deceased as Dr. Reid has described, and the room just as it was seen by the jury. I last saw deceased alive about half past six o'clock last night. I did not observe anything unusual with him. I had no reason to think he was insane, but during the time he has been at the hotel his behaviour has been most eccentric, so much so that he was called by his friends "Mad Bowen." He was never violent except on one occasion, when he had trouble with one of the servants. I had no reason to believe that he contemplated suicide. I was told to-day, however, that he threatened violence yesterday; that he had said he would shoot somebody. I do not know that he has had any trouble. So far as his monetary affairs are concerned I was led to believe that he was wealthy. He took drink some times, but very occasionally. Whenever he did, it seemed to affect his head. I never saw him drunk. Last Saturday he was excited after the Paper Hunt. But he was naturally very weak.

By the jury—He was regular in his habits, and took a great deal of exercise, so that the little drink he took would not affect him much. I have often seen him out walking three or four miles from Shanghai. He was what you would call a steady man, but very eccentric.

By the Coroner—I have known him for ten or twelve years. For the last two or three years I have heard him spoken of as "Mad Bowen."

The Coroner asked the jury if they wished to have more evidence.

Mr. Limby said he saw deceased last night himself, and spoke to him. He knew him personally, and would give evidence if necessary.

The Coroner—Do you consider you could throw more light on his death?

Mr. Limby—No, nothing more than Mr. Reilly has said. I have known him for many years, so have the other jurors. I was in his company some hours last Sunday, and he was talking very strange then.

The jury did not think it necessary to hear further evidence, and retired to consider their verdict. They returned in a few minutes, and pronounced a verdict "That deceased committed suicide while in a state of unsound mind."

The Coroner concurred in the verdict and thanked the jury for their attendance.—*Courier*.

SWATOW.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

It is not often that the monotony of our life in the Outports is pleasantly interrupted by such an event as a wedding. On the 10th inst. the marriage of Mr. Cecil Percy Dawson, our Assistant Harbour Master in the Imperial Customs here, to Miss Elaine Louise Focker, of Double Island, was solemnized and subsequently celebrated in a manner worthy of the occasion. Our little Church was tastefully decorated with flowers and choice plants, kindly sent by the ladies of the community. Great interest was evinced in the ceremony, as was shown by the presence of all the residents of the port.

The bride, who was exquisitely dressed, looked charming in every respect, and the gala of grace and beauty represented by the bridesmaids materially enhanced the happy proceedings. I

am not sufficiently well posted in the dress-maker and milliner's art to attempt to describe the dresses of the bride and bridesmaids, otherwise I would gladly do so for the benefit of the ladies.

The wedding breakfast took place at the house of the bride's father. There was a brilliant assemblage and while the good things provided were being discussed several toasts were duly honored, accompanied in each instance by a few appropriate remarks.

"The bride and bridegroom" proposed by Baron Von Seckendorf, were toasted with much enthusiasm, the compliment being most ably responded to by the happy bridegroom.

"The ladies," proposed by Mr. Woodruff, and "The bridesmaids," proposed by Mr. Haselrope, were also most heartily honored. The happy pair eventually departed amidst the inevitable showers of rice and old slippers. Dancing was then kept up to a late hour, which terminated the joyful festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson have the hearty congratulations and best wishes of all the Swatow community for their future happiness and prosperity.

KOREA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
Soul, 27th November, 1888.

A gentleman, having to transact a great deal of business in the Chemulpo Customs, informs me, that it was a great mistake to grant "Lookout Hill" to the British Consular authorities; it commands a splendid view of the harbour, and was occupied by a former harbour master of Chemulpo, who selected it as his residence, because it afforded such a capital view of the inner and outer harbours. From the present Customs premises a small portion of the inner harbour only can be held in view from the Custom House, and considering where our business people in the principal Korean treaty port are called upon to transact much of their business, it is certainly wrong that a full view of the Chemulpo inner and outer harbours cannot be obtained from the site of the Custom House.

By what your correspondent of the 31st Oct. writes about the new premises of the Japanese Steamer Company, godowns, offices, and all, I think that gentleman must be very strongly biased in favour of four Japanese friends, and by what I know both of the Chinese and Korean Customs services, having had business dealings in my time now and then with the Customs of both countries, I have reason to believe that the courtesies and facilities in our Korean chief seaport—Chemulpo—compare favourably toward the public with any similar institution all the world over. When, for instance, during my occasional visits in the port, I may have occasion to make out an application of some sort, I have always been provided with a seat in a comfortable and respectable place, and pen and ink, or other stationery. Your correspondent, to whom I refer, has also something to prate about occasional thefts in Korea; I presume it is only so-called "Model Settlements," like one I could name on the non-pellucid Whangpoo, who harbour no thieves in their midst.

By what I hear from our sea port I must conjecture that your correspondent of the 31st October, may have suffered some damage through a heavy downpour of rain, not long ago, but that cannot have been the fault of godowns in Chemulpo, either owned by private merchants, or the Customs. With regard to Mr. Denny's departure for your place, it is supposed here by some people, that it had something to do with the object of an eminent mining expert, of whose visit to this place I informed you not long ago. The gentleman in question, Mr. Stoddard, principally proposed to work the coal mines of Ping Yang-do with useful iron ore not far away. Owing to Chinese intrigues it seems the matter came to nothing, and I don't see how Judge Denny can improve matters in your place. The mines would possibly have been worked with Japanese capital, with Mr. Isamaya as a leader, backed up by the Japanese Government, but it is the old dog-in-the-manger policy of conflicting interests, which thwarts much useful enterprise in Korea. I believe the Judge is in your port, and about to publish another pamphlet on Korea.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

An Important Discovery is announced in the *Paris Figaro*, of a valuable remedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion, and premature decay. The discovery was made by a mission-ary in Old Mexico, I saved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that on receipt of written application on or before THURSDAY, the 20th instant, addressed to the Underigned one share in the Company (about to be incorporated as the PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED) will be reserved in respect of each share held by Shareholders in the HONGKONG AND HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.

If no application be made in pursuance of the terms of this notice the shares will be otherwise allotted.

Dated, 13th December, 1888.
A. FINDLAY SMITH.

NOTICE.
THE EXHIBITION of the CAMERA and SKETCHING CLUBS, announced to be held on the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st inst., has been unavoidably postponed until further notice.

R. G. HOPKINS,
Hon. Sec. Camera Club.
A. YOCKNEY,
Hon. Sec. Sketching Club.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1271]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5 Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th day of December, 1888, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, the Report of the Directors, and for the election of Auditor and retiring Directors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
E. W. MAITLAND,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1272]

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL HONGKONG.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

DIRECTORS..... Mr. T. W. WILLARD.
"..... Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

THIS EVENING,
the 13th December, 1888.

Complimentary Benefit to
Mr. & Mrs. FISHER
(Miss FLO MORRISON).

When will be produced
"THE TRIAL BY JURY."

The Plaintiff..... Miss FLO. MORRISON.
The Defendant..... Mr. CHARLES FISHER.
Supported by the Full Strength of the Company.

FOLLOWED BY
"THE WATERMAN."

Wilhelmina..... Miss MAUDE HARE.
Mrs. Hundle..... FLO. MORRISON.
Tom Tug..... Mr. CH. FISHER.

And the Strength of the Company,
Introducing—Cherry Ripe, Wapping Old Stairs, The Anchor's Weighed, The Wolf, Tom Bowling, &c., &c.

The whole to conclude with the
FIRST ACT OF "RUDDIGORE."

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—
Dress Circle and Special Stalls..... \$3.00
Stalls..... 2.00
Pit..... 1.00

The Plan may be seen and Seats secured at
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.
PEMBERTON W. WILLARD.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1251]

REGATTA HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, at NOON, TO-MORROW, the 14th inst.

For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Agent, Hongkong.

For the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED,
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1263]

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FLORIO AND RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN) AND GENOA; all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LIGURIAN, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO, taking large at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

THE Company's Steamship
"STURA"

Captain Caboara, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 20th inst., at NOON.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in Prince's Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1269]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY AND OTHER CONNECTING RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship
"ABYSSINIA."

3,551 Tons Register, G. A. Lee, Commander, will be despatched for VANCOUVER, B.C., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 10th January, 1889, at 3 P.M.

To be followed by the S.S. "BATAVIA" on 7th February and S.S. "PARTHIA" on 7th March.

Connection will be made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports, and at Vancouver with San Francisco by the regular Steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and other Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows:—
To Vancouver and Victoria..... (Mex.) \$150.00
To San Francisco..... 175.00
To all Common Ports in Canada..... 250.00
To Liverpool..... 300.00
To London..... 305.00

To other European Ports at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 9th January.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1265]

To-day's Advertisements.

G. CHIARINI'S ROYAL ITALIAN CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE.

TO-NIGHT,
GRAND CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

Mlle. LE BLONDE HARMSTON
as
DIANA THE HUNTRESS

in an intricate Act of Equestrianism with her flock of educated English Pigeons.

ALL THE LADIES IN THE GRAND ROMAN TOURNAMENT!

THE BOUNDING ENGLISH JOCKEY, by the Champion Rider Mr. GEORGE HARMSTON.

NEW EDUCATED ANIMALS & HORSES.

NEW FARCES AND LAUGHABLE VAGARIES.

NEW AND NOTABLE ATTRACTION.

A very large and splendid looking Boa Constrictor has just been incorporated in the large collection of wild animals. This enormous Boa Constrictor has been imported from Calcutta from the Menagerie of the ex-Queen of Oude and is now on exhibition every night at the Menagerie.

GRAND REDUCTION OF PRICES!!!
Boxes with 6 Chairs..... \$9.00
Single Chairs in Boxes..... 1.50
Dress Circle Chairs..... 1.00
Carpet Seats..... 0.50
Gallery..... 0.30

Children and Soldiers in uniform in the Gallery 20 Cents. To all other parts of the house Half Price.

L. MAYA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1249]

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above named Lodge will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 13th instant, at 8 for 8.30 O'CLOCK precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1235]

NOTICE.

THE Committee of the VICTORIA REGATTA request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong on Board the FLAG SHIP, TO-MORROW, the 14th instant, the Regatta Day, and at the Cricket Ground, which has been kindly placed at their disposal by the Cricket Club Committee, on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 4.30 P.M., when the prizes won at the Regatta will be distributed.

Through the Courtesy of Mr. GILLIES, the Secretary of the Dock Company, the "Pilot Fish" will leave Pedder's Wharf TO-MORROW, the 14th inst., at 12 NOON, and 12.45 P.M. for the Flagship, which will be moored of Kowloon Point.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board the Flagship to Subscribers.

Tiffin will be provided by Messrs. DORADJE and HING KEE.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1888. [1254]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will perform
GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA
"IOLAN THE"

ON
THURSDAY,
AND
SATURDAY,

the 20th and 22nd December.

Doors open at 8.30. Performance to begin at 9 O'CLOCK P.M.

Tickets for the Second Performance may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's, on and after THURSDAY, the 13th instant.

PRICE:—\$2 EACH.
R. LYALL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1888. [1240]

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PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1888. [1267]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
I HAVE This Day taken Sole Charge of Mr. A. COXON'S Business.

G. S. COXON.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day commenced Business as SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

E. J. COXON.
Hongkong, 11th December, 1888. [1262]

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day commenced Business as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

HECTOR SAMSON,
Office, No. 9, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. [1259]

Intimations.

